

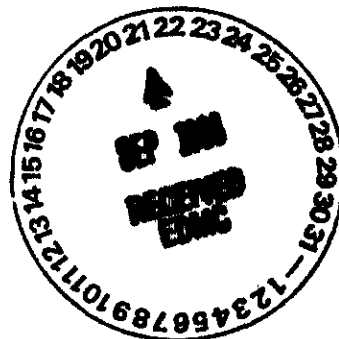


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Mr. James E. Rasmussen
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: 300 Area Waste Acid Treatment Closure Phase 2 of 3

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed and evaluated Phase 2 of the proposed 3 phase closure strategy for the 300 Area Waste Acid Treatment System Closure. Ecology has no additional comments on the Phase 2 Decontamination and Inspection Plan (DIP).

Ecology has received two copies of the final DIP and has been in the field during some of the closure activities to verify implementation of the Phase 2 DIP as the work progressed. A final walkdown for the conclusion of Phase 2 work performed in accordance with Ecology's "Clean Closure Guidance Document" method of a clean debris surface, was conducted on August 25, 1998. Phase 2 of this closure has been tentatively approved by Ecology.

These closure activities are being carried out prior to the final approval of this unit's closure plan, which requires a public review and comment process to be completed before Ecology can provide its final approval. Hence, this work is completed under your own risk as the public review process may result in a major change to the existing closure plan.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact me at (509) 736-3025.

Sincerely,

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